

## Liman Ağızı to Boğazcık - 7hrs 40mins

This is a wild, long and often difficult route and the cisterns are not dependable in summer or autumn; take plenty of water and fill up wherever you can. From Liman Ağızı, you traverse fields then a rocky shoreline to a beach then cross a ridge to the bay at Fakdere. Here are empty stone and concrete buildings where the museum personnel lived while working on the bronze-age Ulu Burun shipwreck. After a few houses at Karadere, above Ulu Burun, you take a difficult path which switchbacks through maquis and rocks along the rocky coast. By a huge carob tree, below white rocks, the sea glows with the turquoise of İznik tiles over a sandy bottom where you could swim. From here a long climb passes two 2-3rd C AD Roman watchtowers. Above, there are lambing pens and tent pitches but, by April, the shepherds move their flocks to higher, better watered pastures. Over the hill are scattered houses en route to Boğazcık village.

The route starts from the W corner of Liman Ağızı beach on a G2 path heading S up the valley. It runs parallel with a dry stream bed to a stone wall and crosses it into open fields. Continue on the R/W side of the fields to a G5 tractor track which climbs over a pass and descends to a hump-backed cistern. Turn R/S onto a G2 path which runs downhill beneath trees then levels and turns R. Continuing on faint G1 path, the route crosses rocky open fields going L/W to a low scrubby ridge. On the ridge-top it turns L/SW and continues towards the sea over a natural bridge over an inlet of the sea.

Walk carefully R for 20m on a ledge along a cliff face; continue L/SE around the cliff and follow a G2 path along sloping, wave-worn, limestone slabs between wind-blown bushes. Descend to cross a gully then climb and continue to the first part of Çoban Plajı. A tiny peninsula separates two stony beaches and shelters the first beach. The westerly winds have carried plastic debris far inland and lodged it in the branches of stunted olive trees.

The G2 path rises SE/inland on the L of a shallow valley to a saddle between two ridges, where there are olives and goat pens. Ahead, you see the triangular mass of Ulu Burun, and L is the pebble beach at Fakdere. The G2 path descends diagonally L for 50m then turns horizontally L. Walk along the steeply sloping hillside, dotted with scrubby trees and criss-crossed by goat paths and descend a short, stony slope to the sheltered beach.

Walk inland past a hump-backed cistern along the dried stream bed and turn R/SE/up a G3 path which passes a ruined stone hut and zigzags up to a G5 tractor track. Turn L and follow the track up to a junction at the corner of a wall. 100m L is a group of houses called Karadere where you could obtain water.

Looking across the valley to İnce Burun, our route runs via the dip in the ridge ahead. From the junction, continue on a steep zigzag G2 path, following a line of electricity poles which descend into the valley beyond. Follow the G2 path across the valley floor on soft red earth wind-

25mins

20mins

2hrs

30mins

